

# CUMANN LÚTH-CHLEAS GAE PÁDRAIG PEARSES G.A.A. CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Sunday 10th December  
Ballymacward Hall



GAA



## A.G.M. AGENDA

- Opening of Meeting and Adoption of Standing Orders
- Secretary's Report
- Financial Report
- Chairman's Address
- Motions
- Election of Officers, Members of Committee & Team Managers
- A.O.B. (Any Other Business)
- Membership



# **STANDING ORDERS**

**IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE MEETING WITHOUT DELAY  
THE FOLLOWING STANDING ORDERS WILL BE OBSERVED:**

1. The proposer of a Resolution or of an amendment thereto may speak for five minutes.
2. A member speaking on a resolution, amendment or report may not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other member can speak a second time on the same resolution or amendment.
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A member may, with the consent of the Chairman move "that the question be now put" after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of a majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote: i.e. paid and registered members of the club.

# Secretary's Report

**Dear Members, I would like to present you a report on the activities of our club during another busy year both on and off the pitch.**

## SENIOR HURLING

Our Senior hurling team were managed initially by **Paul Feeney** with selectors **Brian Griffin** and **Sean Moran**. However, before the last group game Management stepped aside following a meeting with the players. **Anthony Kenny** and **Adrian Queeney** took over for the remaining game and Relegation.

We were drawn in Group with Sarsfields, Gort, St Thomas's, Turloughmore and Portumna. We drew with Portumna and lost remaining games in group narrowly. We lost to Mullagh in the relegation playoff and will compete in Senior 'B' for the 2018 season.

In the Senior League we played five games, winning three and losing two. We also played in The Kilmacud Sevens on the invitation of Tom Rock. Thanks to the players who travelled.

## JUNIOR 'B' HURLING

In the Championship we were grouped with Cappataggle, Beagh, Kiltormer, Mullagh, Ballinasloe, Abbeyknockmoy and Clarinbridge. We won four, drew one, and lost two and beat Beagh in a replay to reach the Quarter-Final where we beat Killimordaly. We met Ballinderreen in the Semi-Final and once again this went to a replay which we won in a closely fought contest to reach the county final for the second year in a row where we met Kilnadeema-Leitrim. However, a very young, fit team, had the edge on us in an exciting final.

In the Junior League we played just one game, losing out to Sarsfields. The other two games in the group were conceded to us.

## U21 HURLING

We played our first U21 championship match on the 19th November beating Portumna. This was followed up with a win against Killimordaly a week after. We are now waiting on a Quarter-Final which will be played in mid January. Thanks to **Martin Tierney**, **Tomás Kenny** and **Johnny Mullins** for their work with this panel.

## MINOR HURLING

In the Minor B Championship we were grouped with Killimor, Moycullen, Portumna, Loughrea, and Cappataggle. We beat Moycullen,



Portumna, and Cappataggle and lost to Killimor and Loughrea. We qualified for the Quarter-Final but were beaten by Killimordaly. Thanks to **Cormac Ward**, **John Raftery** and **Johnny Mullins** for their work with this panel.

## JUNIOR 'B' FOOTBALL

**Football Report, Courtesy Leo Morrissey**

After promotion to Division 7 league for 2017 our footballers got points from a home win over Monivea-Abbey and a walkover from Meelick-Eyrecourt. Defeats to Tuam and Menlough left us safe in Division 7 for 2018 but unfortunately could not qualify for the league Semi-Final.

In the championship, wins over Menlough and Williamstown put us in the North Board Junior 'B' final. A hard fought win against a strong Headford side gained us promotion to Junior 'A' football for 2018 and also qualified us for the County Junior 'B' Final v Oughterard. After a tense first half in Pearse Stadium, James Clancy's charges put the shoulder to the wheel in the second half and captain Gareth Lally lifted the County Junior 'B' championship trophy.

Thanks to manager James Clancy, his backroom team of **John Lally**, **Noel Burke** and **Adrian Queeney**. Many thanks to **Ruane's Bar Glentane** also for the sponsorship of a new set of jerseys for the 2017 championship.

## JUVENILE COMMITTEE

Once again thanks to Dorothy Scarry, Juvenile Secretary and Anthony Kenny Juvenile Chairman for their tireless efforts at juvenile level. Thanks to Martin Scarry for his work as Coaching Officer. Thanks also to all the parents for their co-operation and support throughout the year.



# Juvenile Report

*Courtesy of Dorothy Scarry, Juvenile Secretary*

## JUVENILE MATCHES

The U6s and U8s trained on Sunday mornings. Enthusiasm and eagerness were in abundance on often fresh, crisp Sunday mornings. They played a couple of enjoyable challenge matches against Abbeyknockmoy and Cappataggle during the year and put on a very promising show. The U8s were invited and took part in a blitz in the Connacht Centre of Excellence in Began in October.

The U10s had another good year in 2017. Training took place every Sunday morning with excellent attendances throughout the year. Several matches were played over the summer with over 25 players toggled for each game. The highlight of the U10 year was winning the U10 hurling blitz in Ballinasloe. They are a great group of players with very bright hurling futures. The U12s kicked off their year in Croke Park after being invited to play other U12 teams from Galway in the annual U12 Blitz. Two panels of 15 were fielded, evenly split with all boys from getting to hurl on the famous turf. Tommie Larkins, Portumna A&B, Michael Cusacks, Cappataggle and Loughrea were the opposition. The panel and mentors also got to enjoy the full stadium tour of Croke Park. Thanks to all the parents for their support on the day. The U12 championship started in May. They won 8 group games which culminated in a county final win against Mountbellew-Moylough in a great game played in mid-September.

The U13s played Oranmore-Maree, Athenry and Kilconieron, winning the first two games, losing the latter and getting a walk over from Micheál Breathnachs. They qualified for a semi-final against neighbours Skehana but lost by 1 point in a close contest. They are a young team with only 6 over age for next year.

The U14s started off the year with a good win against Cois Fharraige away. They then lost to a strong Tommy Larkins team by the narrowest of margins in the second game. They followed that by beating Ragoon, Kilconieron and Meelick-Eyrecourt to book a semi-final place. Two final group defeats against Ardrahan and Castlegar meant they finished 4th and had to play Castlegar in a county semi-final who were victorious and ended the 14s run for this year. The U14s also competed in Féile na nGael drawing with Kilconieron and losing to both St. Thomas' and Mullagh-Kiltormer and subsequently didn't qualify for the knockout stages. The 14s also took part in the U14 football championship and Féile na nÓg.

The U15s started off with good group wins over Tuam, Pearses (Roscommon) and Annaghdown. They finished off the group with an away win to Salthill-Knocknacarra, topping the group with 8 points. This meant a home semi-final against Abbeyknockmoy. A very good performance saw them win comfortably and set up a county final with Salthill-Knocknacarra in Ballinasloe. They started off well and were 2-3 to no score up after 5 minutes but relied on a late scoring burst of 2-1 to win on a score line of 5-10 to 3-13.

The U16s played in A1 which consisted of eight teams. They played six games and won five of them and got one walkover to reach a semi-final which they won against Turloughmore. The lads fought a mighty battle in the final against Castlegar leading at half time. However a very strong Castlegar side with the assistance of the elements took control in the second half and ran out deserving winners. The Pearses team applied themselves with maturity beyond their years. A special word of thanks to the four lads from Skehana who played with the 16s for the 2017 season. They gave the squad a depth that would otherwise would not have been.

## COACHES

***"Our Coach, leads by example, dedicated and determined, teaches teamwork, motivates and listens, builds character, challenges and develops, committed to our team, our biggest fan."*** A huge depth of gratitude is owed to our coaches and mentors who continuously volunteer their time and effort into being the "biggest fans". Thank you John Raftery, Johnny Mullins, Cormac Ward, Anthony Kenny, Eddie Mitchell, Sean O'Neill, Martin Scarry, Niall Skehill, Micheal Kelly, Paul Hogan, Anthony Kenny, Niall Barrett, Dermot Lydon, Larry Hillary, Adrian Queeney, Johnny Barrett and Seán Moran for all you've done for the juveniles in 2017.



## STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Thanks to **Brendan Egan** and **Cormac Ward** who took Juveniles from ages 10 to 16 in separate sessions on Saturdays last December and January in a Conditioning and Injury Prevention programme.

## PARENTAL SUPPORT

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who provided lifts to training and matches to the young lads throughout the year. Many thanks to the numerous parents who not only provided but also served tea and refreshments at various juvenile functions throughout the year. Thanks also for fully supporting the club's fundraising endeavours. A large enthusiastic response has always been received from our amazing parents who have been continuously willing to help when asked.

## JUVENILE CORRESPONDENT

Thank you **Martina Donnellan** for your in-depth match reports at underage. They have become part of the post-match analysis for players, parents and coaches alike.

## SPONSORS

A special thanks to **Bobby Hynes Agri & Sons** who continue to sponsor our juvenile teams. Pádraic and Andrea have always responded with a "no problem" answer for all our many juvenile requests.

## VENUES

Thanks to **Ballymacward Hall Committee**, **Mountbellew Fitness Centre** and **St. Cuan's College** for accommodating many training sessions/events during the year.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the Pádraig Pearses Executive Committee who are continuously supportive of all juvenile requests especially Martin Bellew, Shane Ruane, Adrian Queeney and David Cuniffe. Thanks to both Noel Burke and Martin Bellew for making both Gurteen and Ballymacward pitches available and in top condition for juvenile matches.

## SCHOOL-CLUB LIAISON

As has become tradition in the club for the past number of years, sports equipment was provided by the club to both primary schools in our parish at the start of the school year. Congratulations also to both Ballymacward NS and Gurteen NS in their sporting achievements in Cumann na mBunscol in 2017.

## COUNTY PANELS

Well done to Ronan Flannery (U17), Stephen Doran (U17), Oisín Flannery (U16), Jack Barrett (U16), Dean Reilly (U16), Darragh McCabe (U15), Mark Hennelly (U15) and Cian Murphy (U14) for representing Galway in various national tournaments throughout the summer.

## CHILD PROTECTION

Officers and coaches in the club attended Child Protection workshops in early spring in Galway/St. Cuan's College. The club's Child Protection Officer Maura Carr also held a child protection information talk for parents at the juvenile registration evening in February.

## CÚL CAMP

Cúl camp was held at Ballymacward pitch during the second week in July. It was an exciting sporting week at the club where new friendships were formed and hurling and camogie skills reaffirmed. Over 120 children participated in the fun-filled skill workshops which culminated in the arrival of Cyril Donnellan and the Bob O'Keefe Cup to the club grounds. The silverware, ice-cream and new gear completed the perfect Cúl Camp week.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

The annual juvenile end of year celebration was held on Sunday November 26th in Ballymacward Hall at 6.30pm. This year we have medal winners at U10, U12, U15 and U16. We got to the semi-final stage in the U13s and U14s. Participation certificates will also be awarded on the night. Our cups table this year will be shared with the Liam MacCarthy and Irish Press Cups. Thanks to **Cyril Donnellan** and **Conor Fahey** for organising both for the night.

# Secretary's Report (Cont.)

## PITCHES

Thanks to **Liz and Galway Rural Development** for all their support during the year especially during preparation for The Big Weekend.

Thanks to **Seamus Geraghty** for the pitch and clubhouse maintenance throughout the year.

Thanks also to **Noel Burke** for all his work in looking after Gurteen pitch.

## CLUB PLAYERS AT COUNTY

Well done to all who represented the club at County level: **Cyril Donnellan** at senior, **Ronan Bellew** at U21, **Conor Fahy** at Minor, **Ronan Flannery** and **Stephen Doran** at U17.

Congratulations to both **Cyril** and **Conor** on winning All-Ireland Medals at Senior and Minor respectively.

## SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to main team sponsor **Parker Agri Supplies** at Senior and **Bobby Hynes & Sons Agri** at Juvenile. Thanks to **Ballymacward Hall Committee** for their generous financial support and their continued co-operation in making the hall available throughout the year. Thanks to **Barrett Engineering** for sponsorship for Up For The Match. Thanks also to **Cllr. Tim Broderick** for his contribution towards work at grounds.

## CAMOGIE

Thanks to Pearses Camogie Club for their co-operation during the year.

## SCHOOLS

Thanks to all who promote our games in both national and secondary schools locally.

## FINANCE

Our club Lotto remains our main source of income with the potential to increase revenue from same. Well done to our Financial Sub-Committee who had the foresight to organise a draw and the UP For The Match night out in the hall, ahead of Galway being in the Final.

## GENERAL

I would like, on behalf of the club, to express our deepest sympathy to all our members who suffered bereavements during 2017. Thanks to **Fr Ray Sweeney** for support and sensitivity at all times. Congratulations to all who got married and to all who had new arrivals.

I wish acknowledge the co-operation we received from Hurling, Football, and County officials throughout the year. Thanks to all Referees, Match Officials, Groundsmen and Stewards throughout the county. Thanks to our Delegates **Paul Bellew** (County), **John Raftery** (Hurling) and **Leo Morrissey** (Football).

Thanks to all who helped with catering and washing of jerseys etc during the year.

Thanks to our **Executive Committee** and various sub-committees, who attended meetings, often at short notice, for their contributions and help throughout the year ensuring the smooth running of club affairs.

A special word of thanks to all Players from Juvenile to Senior for their commitment to the club throughout the year both on and off the pitch. Also thanks to Parents, Wives, and Partners for sacrifices made in pursuit of our ambitions.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow officers for their huge input into the day to day running of the club.

Again thanks to Asst. Secretary **Leo Morrissey** who looked after the administration of the Football side of the club and was also club football delegate. He was also Insurance Officer and he took care of all financial issues in relation to injury claims by players.

Thanks to **David Cunniffe** who continues to bring reports of all club activities to all on the Club website and social media. From underage to senior he has detailed reports and photos of all matches, club functions etc. up on the club website as soon as they happen, keeping all our supporters up to date with all activities, including weekly Lotto results.

Thanks to **Shane Ruane** Treasurer for his work especially in the running of the weekly Lotto at the various venues, for collecting envelopes, and distributing posters.

Thanks to Club Chairman **Adrian Queeney** for all his work at various levels within the club throughout the year.

# 2018 Club Officers Nominations

2017 Club Role	2017 Name	Nominations for 2018
<b>Patron</b>	Tim Byrnes	Tim Byrnes
<b>President</b>	Johnny Murphy	Johnny Murphy
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	Fr Ray Sweeney Seán Dwyer Paul Ryan Noel Treacy Paddy Hillary	All 5
<b>Chairman</b>	Adrian Queeney	Adrian Queeney
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Micheál Kelly	Niall Barrett
<b>Secretary</b>	Martin Bellew	Dorothy Scarry Leo Morrissey
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Shane Ruane	Shane Ruane
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Paul Bellew	Paul Bellew
<b>Juvenile Chairman</b>	Anthony Kenny	Anthony Kenny
<b>Juvenile Secretary</b>	Dorothy Scarry	Dorothy Scarry
<b>PRO</b>	David Cunniffe	David Cunniffe
<b>Coaching Officer</b>	Martin Scarry	Martin Scarry
<b>Oifigeach na Gaeilge</b>	Doireann Úi Scarraigh	Doireann Ui Scarraigh
<b>Health and Wellbeing Officer</b>	Cyril Donnellan	Cyril Donnellan
<b>Scór Officers</b>	Sinéad Kilkenny, Ann Ward, John Raftery	Sinead Kilkenny, Ann Ward, John Raftery
<b>Children's Officer</b>	Maura Carr	Maura Carr <i>Ratified for 2018 by Executive Committee</i>
<b>Hurling Committee Delegate</b>	John Raftery	John Raftery
<b>Football Committee Delegate</b>	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey
<b>Insurance Officer</b>	Leo Morrissey	Leo Morrissey
<b>Registrar</b>	John Lally	John Lally, Martin Bellew

# Junior 'B' Co. & North Football Champions

